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Glickman, Bainwol Among Those Testifying Thursday on Broadcast Flag, High-Definition Radio, and the Analog Hole

What: Oversight Hearing entitled, "Content Protection in the Digital Age: The Broadcast Flag, High-Definition Radio, and the Analog Hole"

Who: Subcommittee on the Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property – Rep. Lamar S. Smith (R-Tex.), Chairman

When: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2005

Where: 2141 Rayburn Building

Consumer adoption of digital sources of movies (DVD's) and music (iTunes, Napster, XM, Sirius) continues to grow sharply. However, copyright owners have argued that transmitting unprotected digital content to consumers will enable mass piracy of high quality copies of the works. Several methods are currently being proposed to encrypt or otherwise restrict access to and redistribution of digital content.

THIS HEARING WILL...

- ⇒ Explore all three of these content protection systems and their impacts upon the marketplace, consumers, and copyright law.
- ⇒ Discuss what is the appropriate level of protection for audio and video content distributed via over the air free transmissions. Do the three technologies in question meet this level?
- ⇒ Explore the impact of these three technologies upon consumers and other groups such as schools and libraries.

WITNESSES: Mr. Dan Glickman, President and CEO, MPAA; Mr. Mitch Bainwol, President and CEO, RIAA; Ms. Gigi Sohn, President, Public Knowledge; and Mr. Michael Petricone, Vice President of Government Affairs, Consumer Electronics Association.

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